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were inspected and passed 637 steerage passengers and 83 pieces of large and 918 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and twenty-two pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On March 27, the steamship *Marco Minghetti*, of the Italian General Navigation Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 804 steerage passengers and 106 pieces of large and 1,300 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and ninety-two pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

On March 28, the steamship *Hohenzollern*, of the North German Lloyd Steamship Company, bound with passengers and cargo for New York. There were inspected and passed 740 steerage passengers and 112 pieces of large and 980 pieces of small baggage. One hundred and fifty-four pieces of baggage were disinfected by steam.

Smallpox.

The smallpox situation has not improved any since my last report. The newspapers report from 3 to 5 deaths daily; the board of health reports a lesser number. There are probably many more deaths from smallpox than the newspapers record.

At the inspection of the steamship *Marco Minghetti* a child was rejected which had a profuse eruption which closely simulated varioloid, but which probably was a case of varicella. The child and family were rejected in order to await further developments.

Respectfully,

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JAMAICA.

Yellow fever at Port Royal.

KINGSTON, JAMAICA, April 1, 1901.

SIR: I have the honor to report that a few days ago I learned incidentally from a friend that several cases of yellow fever existed at Port Royal, this island, and in consequence the white troops stationed there were ordered up the hills. Not wishing to act impulsively, I restrained my first intention to cable the Department until I received more official information. Accordingly, I called upon the colonial secretary, Hon. Sydney Olivier, who did not seem to know much about it, but said he would inquire immediately and let me know about it, and same afternoon I received a communication from him, a copy of which I hereto attach, together with a copy of my acknowledgment of the same.

I shall keep a lively lookout for a change in the situation, and so soon as I learn of any decided increase of the fever at Port Royal or elsewhere, I shall promptly cable the Department, and until then I do not consider there will be any cause for alarm.

Respectfully,

ETHELBERT WATTS,
United States Consul.

Hon. ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF STATE.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Compulsory vaccination in Halifax.

HALIFAX, NOVA SCOTIA, April 10, 1901.

SIR: I beg to inform you that the Halifax board of health has ordered compulsory general vaccination on account of the existence of smallpox